for which therapeutic aquivalents were usually available.

(b) to (d) M/s. Alembic are manufacturing Erythromycin from basic stage whereas other manufacturers are manufacturing Erythromycin and its salts from intermediate stage of TIOC. Shifting of TIOC from 3-A to O.G.L. and reduction in duty has already been recommended by the Department. However, proposal of industry regarding drastic reduction in duty on TIOC is being examined. Moreover, in a meeting held on 5.12 91 in the Department between representatives of Drug Industry and M/s. Alembic, the company has been directed to supply a portion of their production of TIOC to industry every month.

**Withdrawal of amount from drugs prices equalisation account**

3102. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount withdrawn from Drugs Prices Eqhalisation amount from the inception and till 30th November, 1991;

(b) what was the purpose for which the amount was withdrawn;

(c) when each amount was withdrawn and to whom the same was paid;

(d) what is the amount spent for maintaining the account and recovery of dues yearwise and what are the details of the same;

(e) whether any amount has been paid to any drug company;

(f) if so, the details thereof and whether any amount is due from the company under this account; and

(g) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (g) The information will be laid on the Table of the House, after reconciling the figures, particularly with STC and the Pay & Accounts Office of the Department.

**Assessment of prices charged by drug companies**

3103. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 670 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th November, 1991 and state:

(a) what is the date upto which assessment is to be made in both Supreme Court and non-Supreme Court cases;

(b) what is the date in each case of Supreme Court and Delhi High Court upto which the company charged the prices of bulk drugs and formulations for which each company got stay; and

(c) when each company implemented Government fixed price in each case and what is the present fixed price of each bulk drug and finished medicine involved in litigation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (c) Detailed information has already been given in the Statement annexed to the answer relating to the question referred to. The information asked for is voluminous and time consuming to collect, as such time and effort involved would not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

**Petitions filed by multinational drug companies**

3104. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1650 given in the Rajya Sabha on 12th September, 1991 and state;

(a) whether it is a fact that number of multinational drug companies filed petitions in various courts against the price fixation by Government under DPCO. 1979 and 1987;